

## BEREA ITEMS.

## Emmet Pilcher Dead—Mr. Mayes Given Surprise.

Mrs. H. C. Berrey visited her mother, Mrs. Lou Mundy, of Mexico, who is quite sick.

Mat Heizer of Mexico was the guest of Henry Fisher and family part of last week.

Emmet, oldest son of Edw. and Emma Pilcher, who live west of Long Branch, died Sunday morning of lung trouble with which he had been afflicted for some time. The funeral and burial will take place at Midway Christian church today. We extend our sincerest sympathy to the bereaved parents and other relatives.

On last Thursday evening a number of the friends (about 35) of Ira Mayes and wife treated them to a surprise party, the occasion being Mr. Mayes' birthday anniversary. Mrs. Mayes served ice cream and cake to the guests and everyone had an excellent time.

Obe Hamilton of Mexico visited at Ira Mayes' from Friday to Sunday.

Stock sold well at C. C. Bybee's sale.

Cecil Creed who has been ill of fever for the past two weeks is convalescing.

Almer Mundy and wife entertained, Sunday, Lewis Rudasill and wife and son, Edward, P. R. Cawthorn and wife and Miss Neva and Paul Cavihorn.

W. W. Mundy and daughter, Willa, returned Friday from a visit to relatives in Vernon county.

Grant Morthland, near Molino of this county, received second premium on soy beans Farmers' Week in Columbia last week.

J. R. Bell and Basil Price were among those from this county who attended Farmers' Week in Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McDonald of Macomb, Ill., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Warren Ritter, near Thompson.

Susan E. Wilson at Santa Fe sends us a dollar and says, "Keep the Message coming, as I feel lost without it."

Trenton, Mo., voted dry last week by a majority vote of 209. Seven saloons will have to close their doors.

Roy Creasey who has a responsible position in a St. Louis bank, visited his father here first of the week, Mason Creasey.

Mr. and Mrs. Latney Barnes are home from St. Louis. Mr. Barnes is suffering with an affliction on one of his feet.

Mrs. Orville L. Hemmeger of Vandalia and Miss Leta Grainger of Laddonia were granted marriage license last Saturday.

Mrs. W. J. Botts and little daughter, Elizabeth, and Miss Bertha Botts and Lucile Howell visited Mrs. Emma Garrard in Centralia last week.

Ex-Governor Patterson of Tennessee will make a speech in Mexico some time next May favoring the Unit Law for Missouri. Gov. Patterson for years was an earnest champion of the "wets," but some time since he came to see the light, and now he is violently for the "drys" and is for abolishing booze from the face of the earth.

Mrs. C. C. Thompson in company with Miss Cashie Ryan paid the Message a pleasant call last Saturday. Miss Ryan's home is in Montgomery City. She is the principal of the school at Benton City. Her assistant is Miss Helen Graham of Mexico. The school is progressing nicely with an enrollment of about 50 pupils. Mrs. Thompson renewed for the Message.

## RURAL SCHOOLS.

## Consolidation and Other Matters Touched Upon.

Last week was spent in Saling township, where they have good schools. Of course the patrons take great pride in their schools and much interest in school matters generally.

Miss Jannette White, at Burnham, told me that her 28 pupils lost but 15 days during the last month.

We sent in an application for state approval for Canada. Mrs. Edna Gorman has made many improvements this year. We are assured that the school will be approved.

Miss Ruby Barnes succeeded in putting a \$10 library (25 volumes) in the school library at Pisgah.

The school at Macedonia, Miss Frona Stauterman, teacher, was closed. They have a divided term.

Pollard school district, Mrs. T. B. Robinson, teacher, is partly in Andrain, partly in Monroe. The house is over the line. The enrollment is 36, the same 36 they started in with last fall. In five months these pupils have lost 841-2 days. What do you think of that?

At Friendship, Miss Bettie Harshbarger, teacher, we found the pupils coughing a great deal because of colds. Several new books, supplementary readers have been added to their library.

Excelsior, Miss Mary Harshbarger, teacher, have made their house more homelike by the purchase of six large framed pictures of some of our great men. The same school is out. They have a five and one-half months term.

They have a small district, as they also have at Pine, where Miss Frances Sappington is teaching. Here we held our first township meeting, on Saturday. Mrs. Gorman, of Canada, Mrs. Forbis, of Tulip, Miss Mary Harshbarger, of Excelsior, and Miss Mattie Morehead were the visiting teachers. Many patrons from Pine and the neighboring districts were present. More dinner—and it was good beyond description—was taken back than was eaten. The papers were excellent. I am sorry I left the program for I should like to mention each one. Some of them are: Miss Sappington, "Consolidation;" Miss Harshbarger, "The Advantages of a Well Classified and Well Graded School Closely Following the Course of Study;" "Sanitation;" Mrs. Crosswhite; Miss Morehead, "Do The Practices of The World and The Ideals of The School Harmonize?" Mrs. Gorman, "Do the Present Evils of Our Society Have Any Part of Their Origin in Our School System?" Mrs. W. A. Johnson, "The Relation of The Parents to The Teacher." We all appreciated very much the recitations of Audrin Ess and Morris Eubanks. The meeting was a success, due to the efforts of Miss Sappington and the hearty cooperation of her patrons.

Much interest is being taken in the different districts in consolidation. Monday night we met a number of patrons at Burnham, Tuesday night at Canada, Wednesday night at Macedonia, and Friday night at Excelsior. At each place a considerable number were present and much interest shown. It looks like that this is a good field to work up one if not two consolidated districts this spring or summer.

Smallpox has interfered with our meeting in South Wilson. We shall meet at Naylor Saturday, Jan. 31, instead of meeting at Payne on that date.

Remember our meeting at Beagles, Jan. 24. Geo. Melcher, of Jefferson City, will be with us Tuesday, and R. H. Emberson, of Columbia, Thursday and Friday, to work up sentiment in favor of a consolidated school at Beagles. We want them to know well what they are to vote on.

James Wilkins, of Austin, Texas, is here on a visit to relatives.

## RUBBER FOOTWEAR



Don't attempt to economize on rubber footwear. You can't. A good rubber is worth more than it costs in health insurance, for one thing and adds life to a shoe if worn in mud or rain. A solid leather Star Brand Shoe and a first-class rubber or overshoe is just the combination needed right now. No wet feet, bad colds or pneumonia, if you follow this prescription. Men's all Duck Rubber boots, worth \$5.00, our special price pair, \$3.93. Men's 1-buckle overshoe, grey-lined, worth \$1.25, our special price pair 83c. Men's storm rubber, pair, 50 and 75c. Women's Alaska overshoe, heavy fleece-lined, worth \$1.00, our special price pair 75c. Women's storm rubbers, 48 and 65c.

**Ragsdale's Cash Store**  
STAR BRAND SHOES ARE BETTER

## OAKLAND STOCK FARM

F. T. Harris sold a hog to J. J. Quinlan last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bremer and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dyson of Mexico spent Wednesday of last week with F. T. Harris and family.

Mr. Frank Powell and Miss Mary Quinlan were united in marriage at St. Brendon's church by Father Dillon Wednesday morning, the 14th. Came home for dinner, took a night train Wednesday for St. Louis. Returned Friday and went to house keeping Saturday. They are now at home to their many friends in southwest Mexico.

Mrs. Annie Miller is sorely afflicted with rheumatism.

Roads have greatly improved in the last week.

Mrs. C. A. Hopkins is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Harris of Mexico visited F. S. Harris and family Sunday.

Some dandelions blooming or sunny slopes.

## To Cure Smallpox.

The worst case of smallpox can be cured in three days, simply by the use of cream of tartar. One ounce of cream of tartar dissolved in a pint of water, drank at intervals, when cold, is a certain, never-failing remedy. It has cured thousands, never leaves a mark, never causes blindness, and avoids tedious lingering. The above is from a medical authority; it is handed the Message by a Mexico citizen.

## Considine's 11th Annual Sale

Hopewell Stock Farm, Thompson, Mo.

Thursday, February 5, 1914

**28 Head of Mules 28**

10 Coming 4-Year-Olds, Consisting

of five teams that have been used by us on our farm two seasons and are excellent work teams with plenty of size and good dispositions.

18 Coming 3-Year-Olds

of which 17 are mares. This is the best bunch of mules ever offered by us and every one of them was loaned out and worked last season and are all well broken. We especially request the presence of the parties to whom we loaned mules last season in order that they may tell of the working qualities of the mules they broke as they are brought in the ring.

4 Head of Horses

A pair of 5-year-old geldings that weigh 2300. This team has been worked together by us since they were 2-year-olds; are family broke and dead-down pullers. A 1400-pound mule mare, safe in foal to Bledsoe's jack. A 7-year-old saddle harness gelding that is a good running-walker and lady broke.

5 Head of Cows

All high grade Short-horns and White-faces and good milkers. Some with calf by side and the rest to be fresh soon.

10 Head of Breeding Ewes

An extra good bunch of large black face young ewes; to lamb in March.

TERMS:—Six months time with bankable note at 8 per cent.

Dinner will be served by ladies of Hopewell church.

Sale Begins at 10 O'clock A. M.

Cows and sheep to be sold before dinner.

J. T. JOHNSON, J. R. BROWN, J. G. FORD, Auctioneers.

W. W. POLLOCK, Clerk.

**Considine & Bonsall**

## FARM AND LIVE STOCK.

L. R. Torreyson sold a span of mules to R. R. Winn last week for \$480.

Shrouds & Dean, southwest of Mexico, are feeding two cars of hogs.

Ray Beagles, out at Worcester, is feeding 40 steers for the market.

W. P. Hall bought a nice three year old work horse from Harry Heizer.

Barton Marteno, south of Rush Hill, is feeding 30 steers for the market.

Clark & Bledsoe have shipped in a car load of seed corn and have stored it in the Old Baptist church building on East Monroe street.

Mrs. Geo. Plybon, down near the Callaway county line from Mexico, is reported to have sold near \$300 worth of eggs last season. Mrs. Plybon has a dutiful flock of hens.

Corn fodder previously unsalable is bringing \$15 per ton at Springfield. Hay is bringing from \$15 to \$20 per ton and it is predicted that it will reach \$25 before the season is over.

The Herald reports that John Schmidt of near Laddonia had three head of good horses and a span of dandy good mules last fall, and now he has only one animal of the number left. The stock all died from eating corn fodder.

Judge John W. Beagles of Worcester paid Frank Vaughn \$460 for four coming three year old mare mules.

The weakening of the mule market has caused Callaway county feeders to dispose of practically all the mules remaining on feed. Sales last week aggregated 265 head, bringing more than \$50,000. No more mules will be bought by feeders because of the unsatisfactory condition of the market. Those on hand, it is believed, can be disposed of as work mules.

Claud Lower, north of Rush Hill, shipped a car of fat steers to the East St. Louis market this week.

## Death of Mrs. Henry Iman.

In loving remembrance of Nannie Iman, nee, Littrell, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Littrell, departed this life Jan. 19, 1914. She was born Dec. 6th, 1874, making her aged 39 years, one month and 18 days. She united with the Rising Sun Christian church at the age of 16 years. Later in life she moved her membership to Santa Fe Christian church, and remained a devoted member until her death. She was married to Mr. Henry Iman, July 31, 1895.

A beautiful example of the great respect for her was manifested at the last sad parting by reverently bowed heads, which told more than words of the love everyone bore for her. She was in failing health for more than seven months, but bore it with patience. During the first of her sickness she longed to get well on account of her loving husband, but towards the latter part of her sickness she prayed, saying, "Not my will, but thine be done, Oh, Lord." But thru it all no one ever heard her murmur or complain.

All that loving hands or medical aid could do was done, but all in vain.

This can be said of her life: We know unto life she was faithful, And faithfully trusted God's Word.

Ever living the life of a Christian Her delight was the light of the Lord.

The funeral was held at Santa Fe Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. James Coil of Perry.

W. D. Mason is serving on the Federal Grand Jury in St. Louis.

Attorney George Robertson is reported quite ill.

## THE JIPSON ITEMS.

## Miss Kenr's Death—Mr. Beatty of Smallpox.

Thompson, Mo., Jan. 20.—Jas. Wisdom sold two fat hogs to Wheeler Gant at \$7.75. Joe Considine is in from Elgin, Kansas.

Wheeler Gant shipped in a car load of heifers from Omaha and will feed them a while before shipping to the market.

Ed. Pearl has moved to the Considine property just vacated by Wheeler Gant, Wheeler having moved to his father's property.

Wheeler Gant shipped in a car load of red oats this week.

Jack Puls has moved to the Basford farm, just vacated by Ed. Crawford.

Miss Lena Ritter has returned from a visit to Auxvasse friends.

Thos. Brenton and family spent the day with Geo. Pool and sister Sunday.

J. B. Nevins and family spent Tuesday with their daughter, Mrs. Ed. Crawford.

Mrs. Jas. Beatty has returned home after a few days' visit with her grandparents, Jas. Daniel and wife, of near Centralia.

Mrs. Lottie Thomas has returned to Louisiana after a month's visit with her father, Jesse Carter.

Mrs. Phil Ecton and two daughters have the mumps, also Ed. Pearl is suffering with a severe case.

Wheeler Gant sold Patterson & Monday four head of cattle for \$112.50.

This community was saddened Friday evening, Jan. 16, by the death of Miss Nannie Kennan, daughter of Jas. Kennan, three miles north of Thompson. Miss Nannie was a kind and loving daughter, loved by all who knew her. The remains were taken to Columbia and laid to rest by that of her sister, who preceded her to the grave about two years ago. She leaves father, mother and one brother, Jack, and a host of friends to mourn her death. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved ones.

J. T. Beatty has a severe case of smallpox. Bingle Woolery who had it is able to be out and around.

Mrs. Homer Slonaker received word from St. Louis that her sister, Mrs. Walter Finlow's baby had died with pneumonia, Jan. 17th, and was buried in that city the 18th.

## From California.

Holtville, Cal., Jan. 17, 1914.—Dear Friend Beal: We're all well. Sorry for you all back there on account of your drouth and shortage of feed. We have had a fine winter. Have had garden stuff all winter. I have my melon ground ready to plant. I send you two "hucks" for the Message. Send the paper also to Mother Ridgeway. We can't give up the Message. A happy new year to you and all my old Andrain county friends.

Your friend,

J. D. Lott.

Farmer E. W. Rusk is in Columbia to attend a two-weeks' Farm Advisers' School. The sessions will continue until Jan. 30. The object of the school is for the advisers to confer together concerning their problems and to receive advice from members of the faculty of the Mo. College of Agriculture and from the United States Department of Agriculture.

J. Robert Boatman of Belize, British Honduras, a son of W. N. Boatman of this city, has bought 5,000 acres of timbered land in Pike county, Mo., five miles above Louisiana. The deal for the land was closed in Mexico Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright of Hercher, Ill., have moved to Mr. Wright's mother's farm near Farber.